

**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region III
Ground Water & Enforcement Branch (3WP22)
1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103**

**Bear Lake Properties, LLC
Permit Nos. PAS2D218BWAR, PAS2D219BWAR
MAJOR MODIFICATION: Permit Nos. PAS2D215BWAR, PAS2D216BWAR, PAS2D217BWAR**

Public Comments will be accepted until March 16, 2016

NOTICE:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III (EPA) plans to issue two Underground Injection Control (UIC) Class II-D permits to Bear Lake Properties, LLC (Bear Lake) for disposal of fluids from commercial oil and gas operations. Due to the addition of these two new permits to Bear Lake's injection well network, EPA also plans to modify Bear Lake's three existing UIC permits to update monitoring well information and to extend the permit terms of the three existing UIC permits. These actions are being taken pursuant to the Federal UIC regulations at 40 C.F.R. Parts 124, 144, 146, and 147.

NEED and DESCRIPTION:

Bear Lake submitted applications for two new UIC Class II commercial disposal injection well permits, to be used for the injection of fluids produced in association with oil and gas operations. The injection wells are located in Columbus Township, Warren County, Pennsylvania. The draft permits will allow Bear Lake to convert and operate two wells for the injection of produced fluids from oil and gas operations into the Medina Group at depths of 4260 feet (Bittinger #3, PAS2D218BWAR) and 4222 feet (Smith-Ras #1, PAS2D219BWAR). The three existing permits, PAS2D215BWAR, PAS2D216BWAR, and PAS2D217BWAR, will be modified to update the monitoring well network and to extend the expiration of the existing permits 10 years from the date of modification. All of the five permits issued to Bear Lake will expire at the same time.

OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT:

EPA requests public comment on its findings that the proposed injection activity under each of the two new draft permits is unlikely to pose a risk to underground sources of drinking water. EPA is also requesting comment on the modifications to each of the three existing permits. In the case of the three existing permits, only the permit conditions being modified are subject to public comment. These are the permit conditions relating to the term of the permits and to the monitoring wells. Please mail public comments on either of the two new draft UIC permits, or any of the conditions being modified in the three existing permits, to the attention of Grant Scavello at the address listed above, or e-mail comments to scavello.grant@epa.gov, by March 16, 2016. **When submitting comments, you MUST specify the draft new permit or the draft modified permit to which your comment applies. A public hearing has been tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, March 16th at 7:00PM at the Columbus Volunteer Fire Department located at 4 West Main Street, Columbus, PA 16405. Requests to hold a public hearing must be received in writing by EPA by March 9, 2016.** When requesting a public hearing, please state the nature of the issues you propose to raise, and the specific permit to which the issue applies. EPA expressly reserves the right not to hold a hearing unless a significant degree of public interest on the proposed permits is evidenced by March 9, 2016.

AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION:

The Administrative Records for each draft new permit and each draft permit modification are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the offices of U.S. EPA Region III, at the address shown above. All information submitted by the applicant in support of the two draft new permits, unless deemed confidential, is included in the Administrative Record for each permit and is available to the public for review. Copies of permit applications, draft permits, and statements of basis, and administrative record indexes are

available for review and inspection at the Corry Public Library which is located at 117 West Washington Street, Corry, Pennsylvania, 16407. Copies of the draft permits, statements of basis, and administrative indexes are available online at <http://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/epa-pennsylvania#notice>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

Interested persons may obtain further information by contacting Grant Scavello at the email or physical address listed above or by phone at 215-814-5498.